

PROTECTING OUR WORKERS – INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITIES



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The **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program (BMWTP)** is proud to be participating in seven sessions at Brownfields 2008. Since 1998, the NIEHS, through interagency agreement with the EPA, has awarded nearly \$3 million annually for training people of color to work safely and successfully in restoring Brownfields sites. The program has trained nearly 3,000 people with an excellent job placement rate of 68 percent. We encourage you to learn about the organizations we fund and the lives they've changed. Please join us in the following sessions.

BROWNFIELDS SESSIONS

Training and Educating the BF Workplace - NIEHS Model

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 9:30 am - 10:45 am (Room 02-44)

Over the last 20 years, the NIEHS, Worker Education Training Program (WETP) has provided grants to academic institutions, labor unions, and non-profit community organizations to educate workers who respond to chemical emergencies, cleanup spills of hazardous chemicals, cleanup Brownfield sites, and who store or handle hazardous wastes. This program has supported numerous successful partnerships or collaborations between its grantees. This session will highlight some of those efforts especially those programs targeting Brownfields job training and cleanup with case study illustrations, health and safety resource sharing, and showcasing strategies for partnership development within the context of the overall goals of the NIEHS WETP.

Moderator: **Sharon Beard**, NIEHS

Speaker: **Deborah Weinstock**, National Clearinghouse for WETP

Speaker: **Luis Vazquez**, International Union, United Auto Workers

Speaker: **Daryl Gallant**, Michigan Laborers' Training & Apprenticeship Institute

Speaker: **Steve Mitchell**, Caterpillar

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BROWNFIELDS SESSIONS (Continued)

Bridge to Somewhere: Connecting Economic Development and Workforce Development

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm (Room M2-29)

Although the federal government has expended considerable amount of money to stimulate the economy and provide training programs to disadvantaged residents, there is a real disconnect between economic development and workforce development. This chasm has resulted in inefficient use of public funds and lost opportunities for the business community to access valuable workforce training resources that can affect their bottom line. It has further prevented local residents from participation in revitalization and obtaining gainful employment in their own communities. This session features the efforts of two existing Texas programs, the Minority Worker Training (MWT) of Port Arthur and the Brownfields Minority Worker (BMWT) of Central Dallas Ministry (CDM) in Dallas. The ensuing discussion will focus on how and why such programs work and what lessons can be transferred to other communities.

Moderator: **Tipawan Reed**, OAI, Inc.

Moderator: **Amanda Allen**, OAI, Inc.

Speaker: **Andrea Bills**, Central Dallas Ministries

Speaker: **Jonna Noble**, Construction Education Foundation, Inc.

Speaker: **Doris Gill**, City of Port Arthur

Back to School: Job Training and Brownfields Revitalization

Tuesday, May 6, 2008, 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm (Room O2-44)

Worker training programs play an important role in Brownfields redevelopment projects. They integrate community residents, bring employers together in the marketplace, and seek to train and place more minorities into jobs related to Brownfields redevelopment. Key to these programs are the efforts of non-profit training programs such as the new minority worker training effort in Detroit being funded by the NIEHS, and new programs that develop tools to promote the establishment of local job development and training programs as part of Brownfields redevelopment.

Moderator: **Myra Lewis**, Dillard University - Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

Speaker: **Michael Senew**, HMTRI

Speaker: **Tim Binkley**, City of Winston-Salem Earth Movements

Letting it All Out - Health and Safety of Brownfields Sites

Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 9:00 am - 10:15 am (Room O3-45)

Review the requirements for a site-specific health and safety plan, including the training required to work on a brownfield site cleanup operation. Information from NIEHS, OSHA and federal agencies as well as others will be shared regarding health and safety tools, a review of hazards found on a brownfield site, best practices in training and delivery, and adapting current health and safety protocols and materials for the brownfields arena.

Moderator: **Sharon Beard**, NIEHS

Speaker: **Johanna Hollingsworth**, ATL International, Inc.

Speaker: **Richard Dwyer**, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Speaker: **Sven Rundman III**, U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA

The Motown Sound

Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm (Room W2-63)

Motown. Few names are as resonant as this recording label. In the early 60's we were "Dancing In the Streets" to its sounds. In 2008 we are "Talking in The Streets" with collective voices of experts representing government, business, labor and community exploring strategies for leveraging jobs for some of the most difficult to employ. Detroiters are known for being unique and on the cutting edge of action. Join us and our cast of "talking circle experts" for a surprisingly enjoyable production of exploring possibilities.

Moderator: **Lula Odom**, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists - CARAT Team

NIEHS SESSION OF SPECIAL INTEREST

NIEHS Brownfields/MWTP Awardee Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2008, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: Asian Village, 521 Atwater, Detroit, MI (short walk directly east of Cobo Center along the Riverwalk).

ADDITIONAL SESSION OF INTEREST

Brownfields Environmental Justice Forum

Sunday, May 4, 2008, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Co-Sponsors: Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, Sustainable Community Development Group Inc., City of Detroit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Michigan State University, NIEHS

Location: Asian Village, 521 Atwater, Detroit, MI (short walk directly east of Cobo Center along the Riverwalk)

Agenda:

5:00-5:10

Introduction/Welcome/Ground Rules

Facilitator: **Deeohn Ferris**, President, Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc.

5:00 - 6:30

"Integrating Green Jobs and Sustainability Initiatives within the Environmental Justice Context"

Speakers: **Donele Wilkins**, Executive Director, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice;

Sharon Beard, Industrial Hygienist, NIEHS WETP

Patrick Brown, Program Specialist, OAI, Inc.

Brian Johnson, Program Development Manager, JobTrain/CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training

6:30-6:45

Questions and Answers

6:45-7:00

Break

7:00-8:30

"Addressing Risks and Improving Public Health Through Brownfields Redevelopment"

Speakers: **Dr. Vincent Nathan**, Director, Department of Environmental Affairs, the City of Detroit;

Ann Carroll, US EPA, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization;

Dr. Laurel Berman, ATSDR Brownfields Coordinator, Region 5

8:30-8:45

Questions and Answers

8:45-9:00

Refreshments/Networking/Live Jazz